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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
106 HILLCREST DRIVE
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

JANUARY 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Robert T. Reives, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Frazier delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. Chairman Parks added an Economic Development quarterly report/update, and Commissioner Reives asked that the Board (1) discuss the Central Carolina Works Program, and (2) needed dialogue with the Board of Education in reference to their budget and teacher pay. With no other changes made, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Smith moved to defer action on the FY 2014-15 Community Services Block Grant Program for Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action until someone from that organization could be present to answer questions. Commissioner Dalrymple stated that Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action had invited Commissioners to come to their Smithfield office to sit down and meet with them to see what they do on a daily basis. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved for Commissioner Dalrymple to coordinate a joint meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Womack moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the December 16, 2013 regular meeting, and
- Resolution for COLTS Safety Plan (copy attached).

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute §153A-52.1, Chairman Parks opened the floor for *Public Comments*. The following signed up to speak and were allowed 3 minutes for comments:

- Keith Clark, 212 Acorn Drive, Sanford

The Board conducted a public hearing at this time to consider a zero-interest loan agreement with Fitzpak, Inc. (a New Jersey family based business). County Manager John Crumpton stated the public hearing had been advertised to consider a \$150,000 zero-interest loan for building renovation and infrastructure improvements for Fitzpak, Inc., a thermoforming plastic packaging company looking to expand in Lee County. If approved, the loan will support a \$4 million investment in machinery and equipment and the creation of 50 new jobs in the County.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time.

The following spoke in favor of the zero-interest loan:

1. Ms. Crystal Morphis, Interim Lee County Economic Development Director,
2. Mr. Andy Fitzsimmons, President of Fitzpak, Inc.,
3. Mr. Donnie Oldham, Chairman of the Lee County Economic Development Board,
and
4. Mr. Bob Joyce, Executive Director of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce

The following spoke in opposition to the loan agreement:

1. Mr. Keith Clark, 212 Acorn Drive, Sanford

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to waive the Boards' policy on the waiting period for approving public hearing matters. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve the zero-interest Promissory Note between the County of Lee and Fitzpak, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Interim Economic Development Director Crystal Morphis presented a quarterly update/report on Economic Development matters. No action was taken.

The Board considered adoption of Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to amend Articles 2 and 3 regarding changes in State Law for Board of Adjustment procedures. Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey stated the Lee County Planning Board unanimously approved the Text Amendments presented. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board in reference to Text Amendments and an *Ordinance Amending the Lee County Unified Development Ordinance*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been approved unanimously.

The Board considered adoption of Text Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to amend Article 5 regarding changes in State Law to regulations and procedures for wireless telecommunication (cell) towers. Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey stated the Lee County Planning Board unanimously approved the Text Amendments presented. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board in reference to Text Amendments as presented, and an *Ordinance Amending the Lee County Unified Development Ordinance*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been approved unanimously.

The Board considered an Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Lee County to rezone from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Residential Agricultural (RA) district a 2-acre lot west of NC Highway 87 South that is situated between 5636 and 5740 NC Highway 87 South. Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey stated the Planning Board unanimously approved the application as presented. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to rezone the above referenced property and to approve the *Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Lee County*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board recognized new graduates from the Sheriff's Citizen Patrol Academy. Lt. David Prevatte stated the Lee County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Citizen Patrol Academy had 5 new members. The program was established in 2012 and is comprised of citizens from the community that serve in various roles at the Sheriff's Office. Current volunteers have served over 1,537 hours in community events such as providing assistance in the courtroom, patrolling school campuses and communities, along with assisting in the office. The following graduates were recognized and presented certificates:

Henry Judd
William Poe
Craig Williams
Michael Taylor
William Morris

The Board considered the purchase of a Telex System for the Sheriff's Office. Lt. David Prevatte stated the Sheriff's Office wished to purchase two Telex Systems to be placed at Deep River and Greenwood Schools, at a cost of \$4,080 each, to help make improvements to the schools communication radio system. The system would allow the hand held radio signal to be broadcasted back to the Sheriff's Office with the support of the County IP network. The project would also tie into the Communication Improvement Project with Emergency Management that was budgeted in FY 2013-14. Mr. Prevatte stated drug asset forfeiture funds would be used to pay for the project. Emergency Management Director Shane Seagroves also provided information on how the system would work and answered questions from the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the purchase of two *Telex Systems* for the Sheriff's Office using drug forfeiture funds. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered acceptance of the FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program for Emergency Management. Emergency Management Director Shane Seagroves stated the Program was established to implement objectives addressed in a series of post 9/11 laws, strategy documents, plans, and presidential policy directives. The Agreement is to set forth terms by which the State of North Carolina, Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management, shall provide FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Funding to Lee County to conduct a Natural Disaster Recovery Exercise for Incident Management Team members throughout the Central Branch. The exercise would last for 3 operational periods. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to authorize acceptance of the *FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program and Memorandum of Agreement*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof, and authorize the County Manager and Emergency Services Director to sign required documents. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment #01/06/14/07. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented said Budget Amendment to appropriate \$7,500 to Cooperative Extension for additional funds received from the Sandhills Farm to Fare Grant. Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve *Budget*

Amendment # 01/06/14/07 as presented, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered proposed fees for TB Risk Assessment/Record of Screening. Health Director Terrell Jones stated it has been recommended by the State that individuals working in licensed child care programs, public school teachers and health care employees be screened for active tuberculosis. This screening will indicate if a client is high risk and will need to receive the State supplied TB medicine and placed in the TB Program. Mr. Jones further stated the screening provided by the health department is a non-invasive process of questionnaires that determines high risk rather than the TB skin test done in the past. The North Carolina TB Control Program Policy states counties are allowed to charge a fee for these screenings. Mr. Jones stated the health department has calculated \$22.00 as revenue neutral to cover registration and clinical cost to provide each screening. The Board of Health approved the \$22.00 fee schedule at their November 8th meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the \$22.00 fee schedule for *TB Risk Assessment/Record of Screening* as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered acceptance of additional funding for Healthy Communities awarded by the State. Health Director Terrell Jones stated Lee County had been awarded additional funding from the State for health promotion in the amount of \$3,994.00. Funding will be used to support creation of or enhancing access to places for physical activity combined with informational outreach for Lee County citizens. Similar funds were received last spring and used in collaboration with Parks and Recreation for playground restoration projects. Mr. Jones stated the Board of Health approved acceptance of the funds at their November 8th meeting. Commissioner Smith moved acceptance of the \$3,994.00 in funding as presented. After further discussion, Commissioner Smith amended his motion to accept the funding and that funding be used by the local 4-H Club at the Cooperative Extension.

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered acceptance of additional Family Planning Funds. Health Director Terrell Jones stated Lee County had been approved for additional funding for the Family Planning Program awarded by the State in the amount of \$6,867.00. The additional funds will be used to help support the Coalition for Families of Lee County for their Sister-Love Program that focuses on family planning, health and wellness activities, parenting education and teen group support programs. Mr. Jones stated the Board of Health approved acceptance of this funding at their December 11th meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve acceptance of additional revenue from the State in the amount of \$6,867.00 with provisions that funding only be used for counseling and not the purchase of contraceptives. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered, for information only, changes in Environmental Health Fees. Health Director Terrell Jones stated the Board of Health Committee studying Environmental Health Fees has submitted a fee matrix that allows the Health Department to adjust fees based on actual current costs and other considerations related to providing fee based services. Several revenue generating options for fee based revenues were presented including a revenue neutral option. This information was requested during the previous budget work sessions by the Board of Commissioners and Health Department. Discussion followed but no action was taken as it will be discussed more during the upcoming budget process.

Commissioner Reives addressed the Central Carolina Works Program. County Manager John Crumpton stated he and Chairman Parks had met recently with representatives from Central Carolina Community College to discuss what plans needed to be implemented for this Program. Four areas were addressed and each county, Lee, Harnett, and Chatham, were to talk with their respective Boards in reference to funding for high school counseling services. The four areas included biological technology, engineering technology, industrial technology, and transportation systems technology. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve \$50,000 over a 2-year period to fund the Central Carolina Works for the above 4 areas referenced with funding going to the community college as part of their annual budget. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, and Reives
Nay: Smith and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 5 to 2 vote.

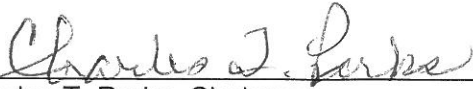
Commissioner Reives stated he would like the Board of Commissioners to have a joint meeting as soon as possible with the Board of Education to discuss their budget and teacher pay before final budgets are submitted. He thought the two Boards' needed some common ground before the last minute. County Manager John Crumpton stated he would talk with the Superintendent and Chairman of both Boards about a meeting in the near future. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Tuesday, January 21st due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on the 20th. He also asked the Board their wishes on cancelling the first meeting in March (March 3rd) due to the Washington NACo Conference and one Commissioner scheduled to be out of the country. By consensus, the Board agreed to hold only one meeting in March (unless a special called meeting was needed) on Monday, March 17th. Suggested dates were given for a Budget Kick-off Work Session. After discussion, the Board agreed to hold a Budget Work Session on Friday, February 21st in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center. It was stated that Commissioners have been invited to a joint meeting on February 10th with the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees and a February 17th meeting at Challenge Printing, along with US House Representative Renee Elmer. More details will follow on these two meetings.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reives moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

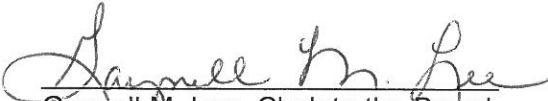
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board